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31 32 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA REQUESTING THAT THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION IN A FLOODWAY SO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS ENGINEERS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT MAY CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

WHEREAS, flooding problems in Fort Wayne and Allen County have threatened our residents, economic livelihood, and environmental resources since 1913; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne, County of Allen, and the U.S. Government have worked together to develop a project that will include the construction of 54,000 feet of earthen levees and concrete floodwalls along the banks of the St. Mary's, St. Joseph, and Maumee Rivers: and

WHEREAS, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project is completed in 1999, it will provide a 100-year level of protection, which is two feet higher than the 1913 flood during which the Maumee River crested at 26.1 feet; and

WHEREAS, the project will remove more than 4,000 properties from being designated within the floodplain. These properties, which include 70 percent of those currently in the floodplain, will no longer be subject to local, state, and federal floodplain regulations and their owners will no longer have to pay a total of \$1.5 million in flood insurance per year; and

 WHEREAS, the project will include extensive recreation facility improvements that will help tie all of the Rivergreenway corridors together; and

WHEREAS, improvements will be made to the storm sewer system as a result of the Army Corps of Engineers project; and

WHEREAS, this project will help keep the Three Rivers Water Filtration Plant, as well as our area roads, free of flooding; and

WHEREAS, Allen County taxpayers will not see an increase in taxes due to the project because, due to recent legislation, much of the local funding will come from the one-time distribution of County Option Income Tax money previously held by the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, a delay in granting a permit for construction in a floodway would hold up the Army Corps of Engineers project and possibly jeopardize federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne declares its support for the Army Corps of Engineers project.

Section 2. The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne encourages the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to grant a permit for construction in a floodway to allow the project to move forward as scheduled.

 Section 3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Litus R Colmonds
Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Stanley Levine, Legal Counsel to the Fort Wayne Common Council

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTING RESOLUTION: David Long

SYNOPSIS OF RESOLUTION: Resolution in support of Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project and encouraging the DNR to grant a permit for construction in a floodway.

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: Council will voice support of the Flood Control Project and encourage the DNR to grant a permit for construction in a floodway.

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: Council will not affirm support for the Flood Control Project and will not encourage the DNR to grant a permit for construction in a floodway.

MONEY INVOLVED: No funds involved with passage of this resolution.

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